

NSC BRIEFING

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MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS--OUTLINE

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- I. Egyptian-Soviet economic agreement--[REDACTED] Egyptian army chief Amer irked by Soviet suggestions that army be reorganized. Nasir apparently trying to be nice to US as counter to new type closer association with Soviets. New military material from USSR reported to include jets, naval equipment.
- II. Hammarskjold apparently still stymied in Near East peace mission. Egyptian "support" for Jordan against Israel makes ~~more difficulty~~ ~~for~~ Jordanian face-saving operation more difficult.
 - A. Jordan calm internally despite new bomb explosion during SYG visit. Egyptian-Syrian propaganda still sniping, but now back to normal after campaign encouraging assassination of Hussayn brought no result.
- III. Iraqi King Faysal now visiting King Saud. Iraq and Saud moving closer, though Saud still cautious and Iraqis congenitally unwilling risk much in adventures.
 - A. Saud now thinks Nasir unredeemable, but still believes US should make another try to get him to change his policy.

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